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## PROSPERITY

**Seems to Have Spread Its Wings Over All South Louisville.**

**Homes, Business Houses and Factories Going Up Without Number.**

**Father O'Connor Has a Splendid School, With Commercial Branches.**

**HIGH HONOR FOR JAMES SULLIVAN**

What tomorrow will bring can not be seen today. In looking back, say for a period of three years, one can not but notice the great changes that have taken place in the vicinity of South Louisville. As day by day rolls on this beautiful wing of the city of Louisville strengthens its hold on prosperity. It seems as only yesterday that the fields and ponds where could be heard the serenade of the birds and frogs have developed into structures of different descriptions and sizes.

The Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company alone aroused an enthusiasm sufficient to develop that vicinity into a thriving settlement in itself. Standing out boldly with outstretched arms waiting to welcome its thousands of employees, as they will soon daily enter into its embrace, can be seen the Louisville & Nashville shops as an army of workmen are preparing them for occupancy, with the hope of their completion in a very short time. One can not imagine until he has seen for himself the grandeur of these structures that have been developed from the molds of the brain of mechanical genius. The Kentucky Wagon Manufacturing Company, adjoining the shops of the L. & N., occupies many acres of ground and is known as the largest concern of its kind in the world. And next comes the Louisville Bolt and Iron Company, which has been closed for the past year, but is expected to resume operations in the near future. Another important addition is the new packing house, with a capacity for the slaughter of 500 head of live stock per day, and the Central Stock Yards, covering a large area and located just east of the L. & N. tracks, on the Louisville Southern railroad. The C. C. Mengel Company and the Chess & Wymond Cooperage Company, which employ large bodies of men, as well as a number of others in South Louisville are also worthy of mention.

Grocery stores, plenty of saloons and a large number of fine residences are now in process of erection, and in a very short time the fields which have long been deserted will awake to civilization. Streets are being cut through in a great many places, but it will be regretted by large numbers to learn that Wilder Park, which for years has been the rendezvous of the small boy in his daily jaunts in search of nuts, which were there in abundance, and its beautiful scenery, in many instances the theme of the landscape artist, will soon be destroyed. The beautiful flowers whose sweet fragrance filled the air in springtime, and the large oaks and beeches that have for more than a century perched withstood the vicious attacks of wind and storm, have at last yielded to the blow of the grub and axes of the body of laborers who are destroying these majestic subjects of nature in order to provide space for a street, and with the passing of the summer so marks the passing of Wilder Park.

Schools have already been provided to accommodate the approaching body of children whose parents will take up their residence in the vicinity of their workshops. The School Board has established a handsome school at Fifth and O streets, and just one square east stands the splendid new parochial school connected with Holy Name church. The Rev. Father John O'Connor, the zealous and beloved pastor, is one worthy of high praise for the interest he has always and still takes in behalf of the little ones. Much of his time is devoted to the education of the children, and gratefully speaking he has succeeded in a measure far beyond the average. Father O'Connor has erected a school with all modern conveniences possible and has secured the services of the best teachers obtainable. He was also the first pastor to introduce instruction in the commercial branches in the parochial schools and deserves much credit, as through his efforts the five graduates of last year have obtained remunerative positions and are giving entire satisfaction to their employers.

No reference to Catholic affairs in South Louisville would be complete without including St. Anthony's Society, composed of the leading men of the Holy Name parish. This society has rendered invaluable assistance to Father O'Connor and continues to increase in numbers, three new members, Messrs. William Keating, Henry Weirach and Julius Linn, being admitted at Sunday's meeting. At this meeting, which was called for the annual election of officers, Eugene Cooney, President of the Federation of Catholic Societies, was present, accompanied by Harry Veeneman, James Kelly and Joseph McGinn, and all made brief talks on the subject of federation,

with the result that the St. Anthony Society will send delegates to the January meeting. The election resulted in the choice of the following:

President—James Sullivan.  
Vice President—W. Williams.  
Recording Secretary—Will P. Sullivan.  
Financial Secretary—Jos. Lanholt.  
Treasurer—F. Klein.  
Trustees—Frank Hermes, Peter Klein, C. J. Walschmidt, William Osborne, Mike Reichert, Philip Wagner.  
Delegates to Federation—A. Hermes, F. Klein.

## ANGEL OF DEATH

**Relieves Officer John Dolan From His Earthly Suffering.**

Officer John Dolan, who was shot last August and has since borne his sufferings with unexampled bravery, died Tuesday morning at the City Hospital, fully prepared for the final summons and at peace with God and man. Everything possible was done to save the brave fellow's life, but without avail. Friday afternoon Dolan's leg was amputated at the hip, the bone having begun decaying. The shock was too great, and Monday night he became unconscious, lingering till the following morning. While the remains lay at the home on East Main street there was an almost continuous stream of callers to express sympathy for the bereaved wife and brother. The funeral occurred Thursday morning and was one of the largest ever seen at St. Michael's church. Officer John Dolan was a native of County Galway, Ireland, but for fifteen years had been a resident of Louisville, most of that time being employed as a special watchman at either the Galt House or Louisville Hotel. Shortly after his appointment on the police force he was happily married, and besides his young wife leaves one brother, James Dolan, and four sisters, Misses Sarah, Margaret, Bridget and Katherine Dolan, all of this city. The deceased was a most exemplary Catholic, faithful to every trust and devoted to his church and people. He was a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Catholic Knights and Ladies of America and other fraternal insurance orders, all of whom were largely represented at the funeral. Though Officer Dolan had been on the police force less than a year he was considered by his superior officers as one of the most faithful and fearless men in the department, and by none is his death more sincerely mourned than his fellow-officers.

## CALLED ON THE POPE.

**Mary Gwendolin Caldwell Is In Very Feeble Health Just Now.**

A cablegram from Rome says that the Marquise de Monstiers de Meriville, formerly Miss Mary Gwendolin Caldwell, of Louisville, recently had a private audience with Pope Pius X. The Pope, it is stated, told the marquise that he would pray for her daily, and at parting presented her with a precious rosary, blessing it as he placed it in her hand. The cablegram adds that the Holy Father is anxious to effect a reconciliation between her and her husband. In Vatican circles it is confidently hoped that in the near future the marquise will reconsider her decision. In the meantime, as soon as the marquise's health will permit of her leaving the hotel, she will again be received in private audience by the Holy Father.

Monsignor Chatard, Bishop of Indianapolis, and Monsignor Brodrick, Auxiliary Bishop of Havana, have been asked by the Pope to use all their influence to induce her to return to the fold.

The marquise is staying at the Hotel Suisse, in the Via Veneto, and occupies the best suite of rooms, opening on a beautiful terrace. Here she spends nearly the whole day seated in her chair. Her aunt, Mrs. Donnelly, rarely leaves her. Her medical attendant is a Scotsman, Dr. Sandison Brock, formerly assistant demonstrator of Edinburgh. He considers the marquise's condition very serious, as she is half paralyzed, hardly able to stand without assistance, and affected with a progressive deafness, which has now become almost total.

## NEW BASE BALL DEAL.

According to the daily papers, Frank Shriner, formerly Secretary of the Louisville Base Ball Club, has purchased an interest in the Kansas City team, which was controlled by our local base ball magnate, George Tebeau. This step was taken by Tebeau on account of the hostility of the Kansas City press and public toward syndicate ball as furnished by him. The sale to Shriner may be a bona fide one, but it brings forcibly to our mind the old adage of Abraham Lincoln: "You can fool all of the people some of the time, and some of the people all of the time, but you can't fool all of the people all of the time."

## ANNUAL FESTIVAL.

The fatherless and motherless children who find warm shelter and a comfortable home inside the walls of St. Vincent's Orphan Asylum have arranged an interesting programme for their annual festival and entertainment, which occurs next Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, the Feast of the Holy Innocents. All friends of the orphans are invited and may reach the asylum via the Clifton cars.

## LABORER

**In the Vinyard of the Lord to Be Raised to the Dignity of Saint.**

**Cure d'Ars, a French Parish Priest, to Be Beatified January 8.**

**Interesting Story of His Life Told by Rev. Edward McSweeney.**

**DIED ONLY FORTY-FIVE YEARS AGO**

A very interesting event will take place in Rome on January 8 next. Pius X., the first Pope in three hundred years chosen from the ranks of labor to this, the first dignity in the world, is going to beatify, that is, to raise to the honors of the altar, another laborer, the Cure d'Ars, the first parish priest who, remaining in this office till the end and dying a natural death, obtains official recognition of sainthood.

This enrollment among the saints is a legal act requiring long, careful and expensive preliminaries, such as taking of testimony regarding the life of the party, salaries of clerks, printing, correspondence, fees of counsel, honoraria of judges, etc. No one can be beatified, no matter how holy his life may seem to have been, unless miracles are performed through his intercession after his death, and those miracles must stand the closest scrutiny, made with the aid of medical and other specialists, as to their exceeding the powers of nature and being referable to God alone, who thus testifies to the present holiness and entrance into glory of His servant and friend, writes Rev. Edward McSweeney, of Mt. St. Mary's College, Emmetsburg, Md.

The process, in fact, is so long, so complicated and so costly that it is usually only organizations such as the Jesuits, the Franciscans, etc., that can afford to pay for it, and it is only they, as a rule, who preserve the records and traditions of those of their members who have been remarkable for exceptional holiness. Nay, even some of those "orders," as they are called, seem to object to the distraction incidental to promoting the canonization of their heroes, and so the rigid Carthusian monks, though belonging, as Cardinal Vaughan says, "to the highest state of contemplatives, have but few canonized saints," and the great Benedictine order has had no saint canonized for 500 years, nor the Sisters of Charity during their glorious existence of two and a half centuries.

Be it as it may, the poor, lonely parish priest of a village has evidently slight chance of reaching this summit of earthly glory (indeed, some of us priests are now striving to raise enough to give our colleague a decent send-off), and this with the fact that another parish priest, the first in many centuries, raised to the throne of Peter, is the instrument in the case, will, I trust, make a sketch of his career interesting to your readers.

John Baptist Vianney, as he was called, was of peasant birth and upbringing. His character was excellent and he was admitted to study for the ministry, but his talents were so inferior that he was twice rejected by the examiners. His moral qualities, however, were so highly spoken of that at last the Bishop consented to ordain him, and sent him as assistant to the pastor who had strongly recommended his elevation to the priesthood. His life was of the most heroic kind. For forty years after assuming spiritual charge of the little French village he entered the small, poor and ill-furnished church every morning at 2 o'clock and remained there—with necessary interruptions for outside duties—praying, preaching and ministering to the spiritual wants of his people and of the multitudes that in the course of time came to him from all parts, until 11 o'clock at night. The ceiling of the little edifice is about fifteen feet high, the width of the nave about twenty, with some ten or fifteen feet extra on either side under the clerestories, where are four side chapels, the length from door to sanctuary rail about forty feet. A little pulpit rises at the side of the sanctuary about six feet from the floor. This always attracts the attention of priests, and makes them realize the extreme mortification of the cure, who of course suffered more from the thick atmosphere the higher he was raised in the crowded and ill-ventilated building.

The sanctuary off the left of the altar is a little room about eight feet square and was here that every day for forty years, from before dawn to near midnight, he heard confessions. The confessional is still to be seen, and he must have made it himself, for a plainer and more uncomfortable stool of repentance can not be imagined. Those who knelt there verily began their penance before confessing their sins, and the holy man himself suffered as they did and more. Yet the highest intellects of Europe knelt here before the Shepherd's son. The beauty and culture of France, Italy, Ireland, England, Spain, Germany, Poland, prostrated themselves here after hours or even days of waiting to obtain the boon of telling their sins and pouring their troubles into the sympathetic, merciful ear of this humble village pastor. Listen to the testimony that some of

the visitors to Ars give of their experiences. It is taken from the life of the cure by Father Monnin, one of his assistants when the increasing work made it necessary for him to have them. "We once heard," writes the abbe, "a distinguished but somewhat sceptical philosopher exclaim in his enthusiasm: 'I do not believe anything like this has been seen since the stable at Bethlehem.' A celebrated poet was so overcome with emotion at the cure's presence that the words escaped him unawares: 'I have never seen God so near.' Another distinguished pilgrim said: 'The cure of Ars is the very model of the childhood which Jesus loved. Therefore is it that God is with him.'"

The cure was born in 1786 and died in 1859. He was declared venerable in 1872, and now, forty-five years after his death, when all danger of undue influence has been removed by the deaths of those who knew and might be disposed to favor him excessively, he is to be raised to the altar on the cold record only of his virtues. In spite of all his ascetic habits in what regards eating, drinking, sleeping and exercise in the open air, he lived in constant, almost uninterrupted, mental and bodily activity to the age of seventy-three, and full of days and works departed to the Lord.

## WILL MAKE RACE.

**Patrick T. Sullivan For Magistrate in Western District.**

After careful consideration Patrick T. Sullivan has acceded to the wishes of his legion of friends and will make the race



for Magistrate in the district comprising the Eleventh and Twelfth wards, to succeed Magistrate John Adams, who will enter the Assessor's race. There is no man in the district better qualified than Mr. Sullivan, who during his long residence in the West End has become well known to the voters in both wards. His business integrity and ever ready willingness to help a friend have made him exceedingly popular with all classes of people, and it would occasion much surprise were he to have any opposition. Already his friends have perfected a strong organization and assert that it will be futile for anybody else to seek the nomination. The Kentucky Irish American has no hesitancy in saying that he is the man for the place.

## LETTER CARRIERS

**Hold Rousing Meeting and the Annual Election of Officers.**

The Louisville Letter Carriers' Association held a rousing meeting last Saturday night and elected the following officers for the ensuing year:

President—Phil McGovern.  
Vice President—Joe Ascherman.  
Recording Secretary—Wm. Augustus.  
Financial Secretary—William Petot.  
Treasurer—Fred Watkins.  
Sergeant-at-Arms—Sam Lucas.  
Trustee—W. Nolan King.

The Louisville association is one of the strongest and most influential affiliated with the national body. Politics of all kinds are eschewed, the only purpose being the social and moral welfare of the members, who are assisted when ill and unable to perform their duties and receive \$3,000 insurance at death. Our merchants and business men appreciate the excellent work of their carriers, and all should remember them during this happy and prosperous holiday season, when their labor is the hardest of the entire year. No city has a more efficient or competent force than Louisville.

## SAVED HIS WATCH.

Only for his Irish luck Owen Sullivan, aged about seventy years, might have sustained fatal injuries Monday night. The old gentleman was about entering his home, 308 East Chestnut street, when a negro approached from the opposite direction and asked the time. Sullivan pulled out his watch without any hesitancy, which the negro grabbed for but did not get, the intended victim giving the footpad a stiff punch. The negro then hit the old man, knocking him down and kicking him and then running away in the darkness. Mr. Sullivan made his way into the house, where it was found he was painfully hurt. The police were notified of the occurrence, and Thursday evening the supposed culprit was captured by officer Dalton. Mr. Sullivan is a member of Division 2, A. O. H., and a gentleman held in the highest esteem. It is hoped Judge McCann will make an example of the culprit.

## CHRISTMAS

**Falling on Sunday Will be More Generally Observed Than Usual Tomorrow.**

**The Nativity of Our Lord a Holy Day of General Rejoicing.**

**For the Young of All Creeds and Conditions It Has a Particular Attraction.**

**SERVICES AT PRINCIPAL CHURCHES.**

Tomorrow is Christmas day—the day set apart by the church to celebrate the Nativity of Our Saviour. It is the greatest holy day in the year, all things considered. Some would contend for Easter Sunday and devout persons for various other holy days as being the greatest festivals, but the majority, young and old, claim Christmas as the greatest festival in the church. It is particularly a day when the children of all classes and conditions feel happy. The story of the birth of our Saviour in the manger in a stable and how wise men came to adore him has a fascination for all children, whether they be Pagans or Christians. The recital of the account of the birth of the Saviour also attracts the most hardened sinner, for it recalls to his mind the time when he was a child and perhaps listened to the recital from his mother's lips.

Christmas is a day set apart for good feeling and good cheer among men. For days, and even weeks, preceding it the streets in great cities are thronged with grown people and children making purchases to gladden the hearts of their fellows on Christmas day. This has been the case in Louisville this season, and tomorrow will be more generally observed than any previous Christmas in the history of the city. The community has been prosperous. The city has been free from pestilence or disaster of any serious kind during the year. Even the Jew and the agnostic join in observing this Catholic holy day.

In the Catholic church the world over tomorrow the Feast of the Nativity will be observed with greater solemnity and decorum than for a long time. The fact that the feast falls on Sunday will have a tendency to make its observance more general among the faithful. In the city of Louisville in the thirty-two Catholic churches solemn services commemorative of the birth of our Lord and Saviour will be heard. In some of the churches the services will be more elaborate than in others on account of the larger number of clergy assisting at the masses and the music, but in all the churches, after all, the service is the same. The same gospels and epistles are read in each. It is well for each communicant to attend the mass at his own parish church. Years ago it was the custom to have midnight masses, but this practice has been discontinued in most dioceses and no midnight mass will be sung in the diocese of Louisville.

On Christmas day, and on that day only, is a priest permitted to say three masses, and most of the clergy avail themselves of this privilege on Christmas morning. No Catholic should absent himself from mass on Christmas day and particularly tomorrow, when the festival falls on Sunday.

Below is given an account of the contemplated services in some of the principal congregations in the city.

The musical programme rendered at the high mass on Christmas morning at St. Louis Bertrand's church is usually the finest in the city, but this year a radical departure has been made. In compliance with the wishes of the Pope, the Very Rev. Father Volz, O. F. M., has arranged for a male choir to sing the Gregorian mass of the First Tone (the Royal Mass) by Henry Dumont. The male choir, under the direction of Prof. Carl Hemmerbach, has made wonderful progress in the past few months, while its constantly increasing membership proves that it is comparatively easy to obtain male singers if but the proper effort is made. A choir of acolytes will further add to the programme, particularly in the singing of the "Adeste Fideles." The choir will be composed of Mark Thome, Will T. McNally, William Imorde, Ben Imorde, Henry and Carroll Bigley, J. L. Rahm, William Rahm, Thomas Barry, Edward McDonogh, Jos. Casper, Will McDonogh, Charles Casper, Frank McDonogh, Richard Langen, Jos. DeCoursey, Joseph Kelly, Edward Pope, William Mulloy, Joseph Baldez, George Carney, Charles Rogers, John J. Crotty and W. L. Relwal.

The choir of acolytes is under the direction of the Rev. Father Lawler, and comprises Joseph Kelly, William Kelly, Henry Maloney, George Hackemiller, Frank Smith, Robert Burns, William Mudd, William Mattingly, William McGill, Raymond Mills, Newton and Nathan Rogers. At the offertory "O Holy Night" will be rendered by W. T. Relwal, a prominent Northern tenor. Extensive preparations have been made for the Christmas services at St. Patrick's, which will begin with the high mass at 6 o'clock, and will be followed with five other masses at short intervals until 10 o'clock. The choir will render Haydn's First Mass under the direction of William

Hodapp, with George Ruffner presiding at the organ. St. Patrick's choir is a large one and includes such well known soloists as Miss Nellie Lincoln, Mrs. Charles J. Finegan, Miss Mary Corcoran, Miss Elizabeth King, and Messrs. Frank Zuerman, A. Eschrich, William Hodapp and David Maloney.

The services at the Cathedral, Church of the Sacred Heart, St. Mary's, Holy Name, St. Michael's, Church of Our Lady, St. Cecilia's and the German Catholic churches, in fact in all, will be brilliant and elaborate, with special musical programmes in each.

At Holy Trinity and St. Mary's churches in New Albany the masses will be at 5, 8 and 10 o'clock, and at both the annual collection for the orphans will be taken up.

## TRAGIC DEATH

**Ben J. Caplinger Run Down by a Train and Killed.**

A tragic event took place Tuesday night when Ben J. Caplinger, aged twenty-five years, was run down and killed by a train at Thirteenth and Magnolia streets. Ben Caplinger was one of the best known young men in the East End and had come home from North Carolina to spend the holidays with his parents. Employed by the Old Poplar Distilling Company of Milton, and being a young man of industry and good moral habits, his employers decided upon his promotion and sent him a telegram asking what salary he would desire to take charge of one of their distilleries. It was while on a mission to seek a friend's advice that the angel of death laid its cold hand heavily on him, but though the summons was sudden he was not found unprepared. Just in the prime of a well spent life, with a very bright future, it is indeed a very sad death.

It is not known how the accident occurred, by what train he was run down or the time, though his watch had stopped exactly at 9:30. His death will be a great loss to his many friends and employers, as well as to the immediate family who survive. He is survived by a father and mother, five sisters, Misses Margaret, Florence, Anna, Mary, Sarah and Leona, and two brothers, Stanley and William, the latter being married and residing in Cincinnati. His popularity was plainly shown by the throng who called at the residence, 1528 Coral avenue, to pay the last tribute of respect.

## AWAITING TAFT.

**Archbishop Aigus in Washington to Confer About Philippines.**

The Apostolic Delegate to the Philippines, Archbishop Aigus, has not yet departed from the United States for his new field of labor. Monsignor Aigus was sent to Washington by the Propaganda to open negotiations with the Secretary of War regarding the affairs of the church in the Philippine islands. As Secretary of War Taft has been in Panama, Monsignor Aigus is awaiting his return to Washington City.

One of the matters which Monsignor Aigus was to bring to the consideration of the War Department was the restoring to the Bishops in the Philippine islands the church property usurped by "Bishop" Aglipay and his followers ever since the organization of the schism. It was thought here that, as the churches and other property at present in possession of the schismatics had been the rightful property of the Roman Catholics in the archipelago for centuries, it would be within the power of the Government officials in Washington to order their restitution to the authorities of the church.

Another important matter which Monsignor Aigus was charged to settle with the Washington officials was the partition of the \$7,000,000 remaining from the sale of the friars' lands between the religious orders, which still have claim upon the money, and the secular authorities of the church in the islands.

## OFFICERS FOR KNIGHTS.

At the meeting of Branch 642, Catholic Knights of America, held Wednesday night, it was decided to meet hereafter only on the second Wednesday of each month. The annual election was held and resulted in the choice of the following:

Spiritual Director—Rev. John Sheridan.  
President—H. A. Veeneman.  
Vice President—James Welsh.  
Recording Secretary—B. A. Kruse.  
Financial Secretary—Henry Schnitzer.  
Treasurer—James McBride.  
Sentinel—Thomas Murphy.  
Trustees—Peter Linsky, J. Brown and Joseph Rickelman.

Branch 642 is progressing nicely and has prepared to hustle for more new members during the new year. Its members captured the last two prizes offered by the State Council, and now they are going after the third.

## WATCH PARTY.

The Ladies' Sewing Circle of St. Edward's Hospital in New Albany announce a euchre and watch party for New Year's eve. It will take place in St. Joseph's Hall on Eighth street, and after the games there will be some novel and amusing features.

## BELOVED

**Bishop of Pittsburgh, Right Rev. Richard Phelan, Is Dead.**

**Was Seventy-Six Years of Age and Born in County Kilkenny.**

**Had Presided Over the Diocese For Nineteen Years.**

**HE WAS BELOVED BY EVERYBODY**

After nineteen years' faithful service as Bishop of the diocese of Pittsburgh the Right Rev. Richard Phelan died on Tuesday last. The Bishop had been in failing health for three years and his death, which occurred at St. Paul's Orphan Asylum, near Pittsburgh, was expected for several days. Bishop Phelan was seventy-six years of age. He was born in Ballyraggatt, County Kilkenny, January 1, 1828. He was consecrated August 2, 1885, as Coadjutor to the Right Rev. J. Tuigg and succeeded the latter at his death in 1889.

Bishop Phelan presided over one of the most influential dioceses in the country. The Catholic population is about 270,000, with 358 priests and 228 churches. It has many large institutions of learning and charity.

Bishop Phelan was a man of strong character and striking individuality, and during his administration brought the diocese up to a very high standard. He came to Pittsburgh in 1849, having previously attended St. Kieran's College in Kilkenny. He was graduated from St. Mary's Seminary, in Baltimore, and became a priest on May 4, 1854. He celebrated the golden jubilee of his ordination to the priesthood on May 4 last, and there was a distinguished assembly of Catholic prelates in Pittsburgh on the occasion.

On account of the failing health of Bishop Phelan a little over a year ago the Right Rev. Regis Canavin was appointed his Coadjutor, with the right of succession. Deceased was a brother of Canon Phelan, of Ireland.

Bishop Phelan was a patriotic Irishman and a lover of his countrymen, and in turn was beloved by them. The funeral took place from the Cathedral in Pittsburgh and many Catholic dignitaries were in attendance from all parts of the country.

The funeral took place Friday morning with Pontifical high mass, Right Rev. P. J. Donahue, Bishop of Wheeling, preaching the sermon.

Bishop Phelan was a man of rugged mold and grand physique. In his prime he was stout, muscular, active. He was, from the day of his ordination, over fifty years ago, until the day of his consecration as Bishop, and his succession to Bishop Tuigg, December 7, 1889, an indefatigable worker. He never realized what it was to rest. Work was absolutely necessary to him. He had an energy that knew no exhaust, a zeal that had scarcely a limit, a capacity that was almost boundless. His labors as a priest were twofold increased as Bishop.

The matter of a Coadjutor Bishop was taken up by the Right Rev. Bishop's express sanction. On April 24, 1902, a meeting of the diocesan clergy was held and the project discussed. Several names were presented, but there was not a unanimity in the choice of a selection. The consensus of opinion was that a petition or circular be prepared embodying the views of the priests and be laid before the proper ecclesiastical authorities. Subsequently Rome was petitioned for favorable action.

In due time it was received, and on Tuesday, August 5, 1902, the diocesan consultors met at the Episcopal residence for the purpose of selecting three names which would be forwarded to Rome. On Tuesday, August 27, 1902, the venerable Archbishop P. J. Ryan and his suffragans, Bishops Phelan, Fitzmaurice, Shanahan, Garvey and Hoban, met in special session to take final steps on submitting to the Propaganda their list of names from which a selection would be made. The Bishops' list was duly forwarded to Rome.

On Monday, December 15, 1902, news was received from Rome. The Sacred Congregation of the Propaganda unanimously decreed to recommend to the Holy Father the appointment of Rev. Father J. F. Regis Canavin, rector of St. Paul's Cathedral, to the Coadjutor Bishopric of the diocese of Pittsburgh.

The Right Rev. Bishop Canavin, who succeeds Bishop Phelan, is the fifth to hold this exalted position.

## FESTIVAL AND SUPPER.

The members of St. George's parish are working hard to pay off the small debt still remaining on the church property, and for this purpose will give a Christmas festival and supper in the school hall on Eighteenth and Magnolia avenue next Wednesday and Thursday evenings. All who attend will enjoy themselves, as Father Wells and the ladies have made special preparations for the entertainment of a large gathering. With this debt wiped out preparations will be begun for the erection of a new church, which will soon be made necessary by the ever increasing congrega-